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Ms. Jean L. Baker, Chief Environmental Branch B
California Department of Transportation
District 3
P.O. Box 911
Marysville, CA 95901

Subject: EIS for Route 65 Bypass of the City of Lincoln, Placer County,
California

Dear Ms. Baker:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed your request dated May 12, 1994 for Service participation as a cooperating agency on the subject proposed project. The Service has reviewed the proposed project and agrees to participate in the environmental impact statement development process as a cooperating agency.

Under the terms of the 1994 Memorandum of Understanding for Integration of NEPA and Clean Water Act Section 404 common elements (MOU), the Service will provide timely comments and concurrence or non-concurrence at the various planning stages established in the MOU. In order for the Service to successfully discharge our trust responsibilities and obligations under the MOU, we may require project information or request coordination meetings or field reviews with Caltrans and the other signatory agencies. Any additional major analyses or activities requested by the lead agency (California Department of Transportation) would require additional funding, to be provided under the existing contract between the Department of Transportation and the Service (Contract #43V176).

We request that the Department of Transportation provide the Service with a scope of work detailing the activities that will be required of the Service in our capacity as a cooperating agency for the proposed project.

If you have any further questions regarding these comments, please contact Kristi Young at 916/978-4866.

Sincerely,

Joel A. Medlin
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Field Supervisor

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